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Reform 2020: Delivering Care More Efficiently Saves and Reinvests Over \$150 Million

Governor Dayton's budget improves how seniors and people with disabilities receive long-term care, delivering the right services at the right time. By providing more choice and helping people stay in their homes, the Governor's Reform 2020 initiative will save taxpayers \$151 million over five years.

Delivering Quality Care at a Better Price

Minnesota has a proud tradition of providing high-quality health care at low costs. At the same time, health care is the fastest growing part of our budget, with costs rising 8% each year. We can do more to improve health and reduce costs and Reform 2020 is a key part of that effort. It will save taxpayers \$151 million over the next five years with more savings expected by 2020.

» **The Cost of Quality Care.** Last year, Minnesota spent over \$6 billion on health care for seniors and people with disabilities. In return, Minnesotans received the best long-term care services in the nation. Reform 2020 will further improve that care and reduce costs.

» **Minnesota's Aging Population.** By 2035, the number of Minnesotans over age 65 will double, increasing the strain on our long-term care budget. As our population ages, we need to find new ways to improve Minnesota's nation-leading health care system.

» **A More Affordable Way to Deliver Quality Care.** Most Minnesotans on public programs who receive long-term care services get those services in their homes and communities. This model provides choice and comfort for individuals and families, and is more cost-effective than nursing home care.

» **Being Proactive is the Right Approach.** Reform 2020 will serve individuals earlier and help them stay active, healthy, and independent longer.

Principles Underlying Reform 2020

» **Services are Consumer-Driven.** Reform 2020 creates more options and flexibility. From assessment through planning, service delivery, and evaluation, the system will revolve around individual desires and goals, strengths and resources, and needs.

» **Providing Support Earlier.** Reform 2020 aims to support individuals earlier. Low-intensity services will be provided when people have fewer needs and early planning services can help people better navigate their futures, delaying or avoiding the need for higher-intensity services down the road.

» **Improving the Quality of Service.** Minnesota has the best long-term care services in the nation, and Reform 2020 will create new opportunities to further enhance our existing system – delivering high-quality, cost effective services to the people we serve.